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Because of US strategic force modernization plans and the prospect of arms control negotiations, the Community again focused sharply during the year on intelligence judgments concerning Soviet strategic forces. Some key areas in this regard included:

--The status and prospects of Soviet ballistic missile defenses.

--Prospects for Soviet military responses to deployment of NATO INF missiles.

--The implications of the growing Soviet capabilities in space.

--Prospects for Soviet advances in military-related technology through technology transfer.

--Soviet nuclear warfighting planning and capabilities, particularly concerning force reconstitution and protracted warfare.

--Our capability to monitor the terms of future arms treaties.

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